Jobs for dependents of deceased Employees of Banks

3862. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the eligible dependents of the deceased bank employees can get jobs in the same bank on compassionate grounds;

(b) whether the same policy is being adopted by the Indian Overseas Bank in its branches all over the country;

(c) if so, what is the number of employees who died in harness between the period from 1st January to 31st July, 1988 in the various Bank branches in Delhi, Haryana and Bihar and whose eligible dependants have applied for jobs on compassionate grounds; and

(d) by when the cases are likely to be decided and they be provided with suitable jobs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Public Sector Banks, including Indian Overseas Bank have a scheme under which eligible dependents of the employees who die in harness can apply for job on compassionate grounds and appointments are offered to the applicant dependent subject to his/her satisfying the conditions stipulated in the scheme.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and to the extent possible will be laid on the Table of the House.

Release of Persons arrested during 'Operation Black Thunder'

3863. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all the persons who were taken into custody during the 'Operation Black Thunder' in the Golden Temple complex have been released; if so what was the number of persons arrested and of those released;

(b) whether the antecedents of all those taken into custody were verified and found to be correct;

(c) how many persons were taken into custody from the Golden Temple complex as well as from its vicinity during the 'Operation Blue Star'; and

(d) how many of them have since been found to be innocent and have been released and how many of them have been chargesheeted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Out of 942 persons who surrendered during 'Operation Black Thunder', 212 were arrested and 730 were released as they were found innocent.

(c) and (d) 1592 persons were apprehended during 'Operation Blue Star'. Of them, 326 are now in custody and are undertrials.

Financial Irregularities by the Churhat Children's Welfare Society

3864. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether investigations have been made into the allegations of financial ir-

regularities and non-payment of income taxes, etc. related to the lotteries organised by the Churhat Children's Welfare Society of Madhya Pradesh; if so what are the findings and the follow up action taken, as yet;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain concessions were accorded by his Ministry to this Society, if so, what were the details thereof and the dates on which such concessions were accorded; and

(c) whether these concessions were given after its audited accounts were examined and found satisfactory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir, the matter regarding non-deduction of tax at source on the payment to the prize winners of the lottery was investigated. Action as required under law was taken for non-deduction of tax at source and for failure to pay the tax deducted at source to the credit of Central Government within the prescribed time in certain cases.

(b) Yes. Sir, the Churhat Children's Welfare Society was granted exemption from the payment of income-tax by notification under section 10(23C) (iv) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for assessment years 1984-85 and 1985-86 and again for assessment years 1986-87 to 1988-89. The exemption for assessment years 1984-85 and 1985-86 was granted on 31-8-1984 and was notified in the official Gazette on 24-11-1984. The exemption for assessment years 1986-87 to 1988-89 was granted on 25-3-1986 and was notified in the Official Gazette on 14-6-1986.

(c) As the records of proceedings for notification under section 10(23C) (iv) of the Income-tax Act show, the audited accounts of the society were filed during these proceedings and were considered before granting exemption.

3865. [*Transferred to the 5th September*, 1988]

Contamination of Water

3866. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of contamination of water due to pesticides run-off from fields and factories etc. ;

(b) whether any regular monitoring has been conducted for over 100 different pesticides in use ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) There are no reports of large-scale contamination of water bodies in the country due to effluent run-offs from pesticides factories although there are some reports of minor contamination

(b) and (c) Regular monitoring of the river Ganga and a few of its tributaries has been started since November 1986 on a monthly basis by collecting water samples from 27 different locations in UP, Bihar and West Bengal The water samples have been analysed for residues of 12 major pesticides and their metabolites/ isomers. The analytical data collected so far did not show any definite pattern of variation. The residuals for three commonly used pesticides are also monitored in sediments at 173 stations all along the coast line of the country. Manufacture and use of pesticides are regulated by the Insecticides Act, 1968